

By the 31st section of 'An ordinance for the temporary government of the territory of the Maryland State Colonization Society, in Africa, called Maryland in Liberia, it is provided: 'That there shall be at least one public school in every township of the territory, the teacher whereof shall be appointed by the agent in council. It shall be the duty of every parent to send his or her children, and of every guardian, the child or children under his or her care, of a fit age, to school, when there is a public school in the township, until they shall learn to read, write and cast accounts; and every father, and if there is no father, then mother, and if there is neither father nor mother, then guardian, the children of whom, or under whose care, are not sent to school, after being notified thereto by the select men, shall be fined at the discretion of the select men, not less than twelve and a half cents nor more than twenty five cents, for every month that each child is not sent to school; which fines may be collected as small debts are, before a justice of the peace, and shall be appropriated for the use of public schools.'

The 19th section of the ordinance provides, among other things, 'that all male colored people, who have subscribed the oath to support the constitution, and hold land in the territory in their own right, or who, not holding land, shall pay a tax of not less than one dollar per annum, for the support of education and the purposes of government, shall be entitled to vote (being of full age) at elections.'

The 29th section provides, 'that no person shall serve as a juryman, unless he be of the age of twenty five years, of good name and repute, and shall know how to read and write.'

The 5th article of the 'constitution' provides 'that no taxes shall be laid in the territory, except for the purposes of defence, of internal improvement, education, and the support of the local government of the territory.'

It will be seen from the above extracts from the Code of Laws, which has been in force in the colony since it was founded, that full provision has been made to secure the education of the colonists as far as mere legislation can effect it. But the system cannot go into operation in the early periods of the colony's existence, except with